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Widow backs plan for death junction

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A WIDOW has welcomed moves to improve safety at a danger junction where her husband was killed.

Old Woughton Parish Council wants traffic bollards installed and road markings made clearer at the junction of H7 Chaffron Way with Pattison Lane in Woolstone to stop impatient drivers overtaking in the area reserved for vehicles turning right.

Lisa Lloyd's husband Jamie died after being knocked off his motorbike at the junction in April 2012 and she believes safety should be improved.

"The roads do need to be made safer – motorcyclists are always vulnerable," said the mum-of-four from Middleton.

"Anything is worth a try to slow drivers down. It's not going to bring Jamie back but anything is worth a go.

"It was unfortunate what happened to Jamie, but if that can help save another life I think that's a good thing.

"I never thought that road was an accident hotspot but it isn't until something happens that someone does something about it."

The 39-year-old also believes that reducing the speed limit from 70mph to 40mph on Chaffron Way would improve safety – an idea that has not been put forward by the parish council.

Chairman of the council, Peter McDonald, said there has been six accidents, including Mr Lloyd's, at the junction in the last three years.

He believes replicating the Japonica Lane junction in Brickhill Street, Willen Park, could be one way of stopping cars dangerously overtaking in Chaffron Way.

At this junction, which is near the Peace Pagoda car park, there is a defined area for vehicles turning right, multiple traffic bollards and parts of the road where motorists should not go are marked red.

"I see cars overtaking other vehicles in the hatched areas at that junction in Chaffron Way on a daily basis," said Cllr McDonald.

"It is getting increasingly dangerous and we want to stop it.

"People are taking too many chances and if one more fatality can be avoided then that is one more family that isn't going to suffer."

Cllr Mick Legg, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for highways, said the junction would be looked at as part of the review into safety on the city's roads, which includes right hand turns on grid roads.

Strike 'lock out' row is heating up

STRIKING firefighters will not be paid if they don't work their full shift – and it has caused a blazing row between unions and the fire service.

The nine-day strike, which ends on Sunday, is over proposed government changes to pension arrangements that would see firefighters unable to retire until they are 60.

But the county branch of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) believes Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority is 'locking out' striking firefighters by refusing to let them work the rest of their shift after the three-hour strikes have finished each day.

The two sides had come to an arrangement during last month's strikes to deduct wages for the period of industrial action, allowing firefighters to return to work after picketing. But no such arrangement has been made this time around, as talks appear to have ground to a halt.

James Wolfenden, regional FBU secretary for Buckinghamshire, said: "In every other area of the country, the chief fire officer makes the best arrangements to safeguard life.

"But in Buckinghamshire the chief fire officer has deliberately chosen to put residents in unnecessary danger in order to make a political point.

"Out of 46 fire authorities only Buckinghamshire has taken the decision to lock out."

But Jason Thelwell, acting chief fire officer for the service, said: "The authority made a decision not to accept 'part shift' performance.

"Staff are welcome to work at any time they wish. Many have chosen to 'walk out' during the rest of their shifts when part-shift performance isn't being accepted."

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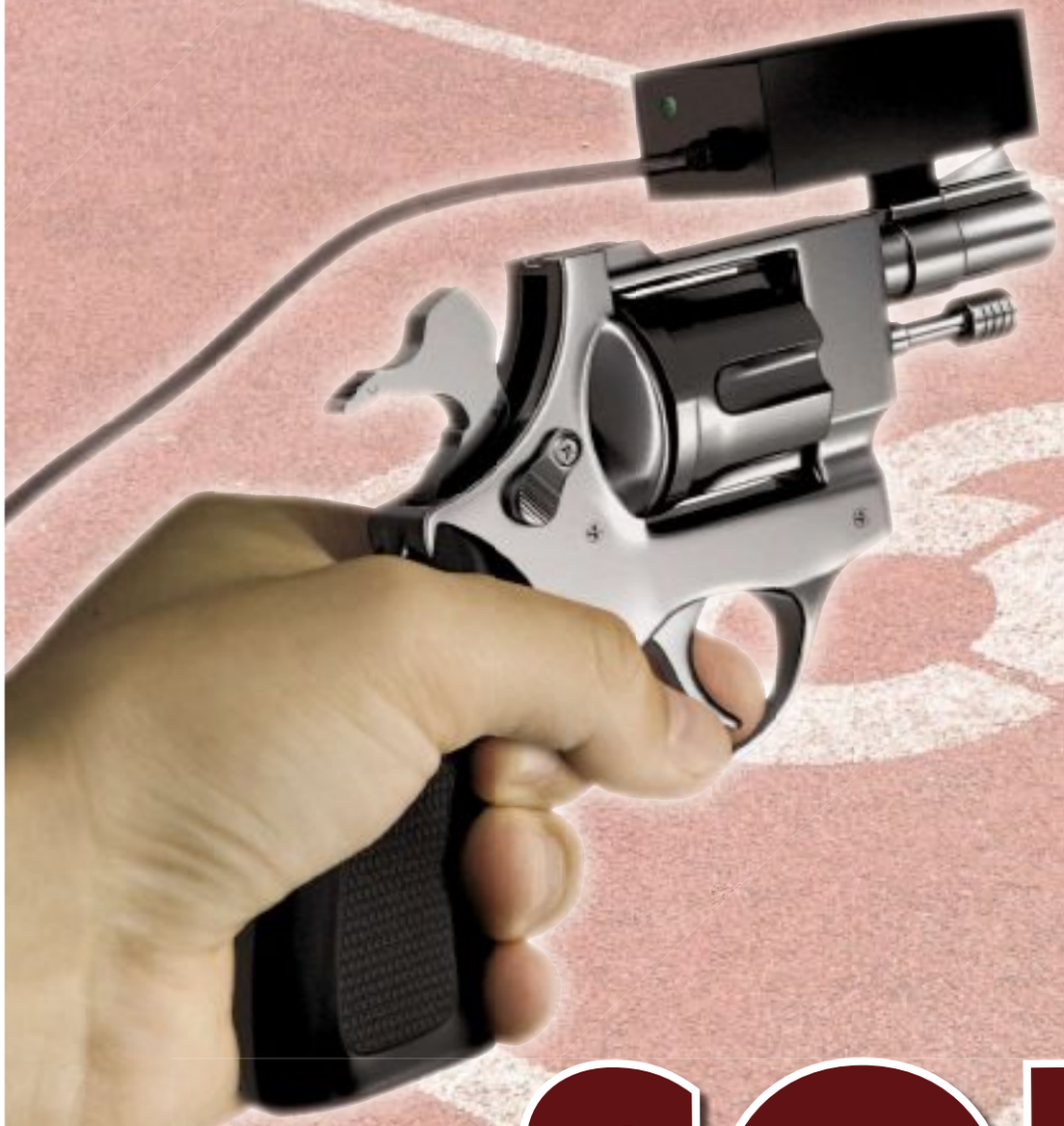

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6,000 families in £27million worth of debt in the city

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MORE than 6,000 families in Milton Keynes are in debt – owing a staggering £27million in total.

The figures, released yesterday by The Children's Society and StepChange Debt Charity, are among the highest in the South East.

In Milton Keynes South, 3,258 families, 17 per cent of its population, were in debt and owing £14,555,030.

The stats were slightly lower in Milton Keynes North, although 2,830 families (also 17 per cent of the population) were in debt, owing a total of £12,644,331.

When the figures are added up to account for the entire city, only residents in the Isle of Wight, who owe £23,996,130, are in more debt.

Denise Niel, a debt advisor at MK Money Lifeline, said: "I'm dealing with calls from troubled families every day.

"I don't think richer people in the city understand the situation and realise how big the problem is."

While household budgets up and down the country are under strain, families with dependent children face extra pressures as they are more likely to face unexpected bills and are less able to cope with a sudden financial crisis such as redundancy, reduced hours or illness.

The report suggest that many feel that taking on credit is the only way to make ends meet – and a third of all families in the South East had to borrow money to pay for essentials for their children in the last year.

Matthew Reed, chief executive of The Children's Society, said: "This research exposes the shocking reality of parents lying awake at night worrying and unhappy children going without.

"Many families are feeling the squeeze and parents struggling on low wages are battling just to pay the bills."

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£1,600 stolen in courier scam

THE elderly and vulnerable are being warned by police to be on their guard against a courier scam that has struck in the city.

The fraud occurred on Thursday when £1,600 was stolen from a resident.

Courier fraud – also known as vishing – is when a victim receives a phone call from someone pretending to be from the bank or police.

They say there has been suspicious activity on their card and advise them to call the number on the back.

When that number is dialed the line has been kept open by the fraudster who asks for bank and card details.

For details on how to avoid being caught out by the scam, visit our comprehensive guide at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Cheque-ing in: Tony Worth and Allison Waterhouse from Willen Hospice

TONY Worth handed over £1,500 to Willen Hospice after walking 50km along the Grand Union Canal from Bletchley to Watford with wife Alison. Visit **mkweb.co.uk** for more.

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'Experiment': Brian Barton with his new lawnmower after testing if his old one would be stolen

Brian's plan to grass on thieves

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FORMER councillor wants to set up a neighbourhood watch team – after deciding to test whether thieves would nick his lawnmower.

Brian Barton, a Milton Keynes councillor for the Bradwell ward from 1996-2000, decided to conduct an 'experiment' and see how crime-free the Heelands estate is by leaving his old lawnmower out in his front garden overnight.

When he awoke at his home in Mossdale the following morning, the lawnmower had been snatched by opportunist thieves.

But despite being amused by the fact the mower was taken, Brian, who is now the clerk at Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council, feels there may be a problem that needs addressing on the estate.

He said: "It was very tongue in cheek, but I thought it would be interesting to leave my old lawnmower outside and see whether it was taken.

"If it hadn't I would have had to take it down to the tip!

"I have had a few crime related incidents affect me since I moved to Heelands in 2006.

"Last year my father's caravan was taken from outside the house and we haven't got that back.

"Whenever I go away I always tell people. It does anger me that you feel you can't go away without it being in the back of your mind that something might get taken."

But now Brian is hoping to make a difference and is looking at launching a neighbourhood watch team for the Heelands area.

He said: "I have had discussions with the police neighbourhood watch team to maybe set one up.

"If people want to know more they can ring me on 07779 261364."

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All set for A-levels

STUDENTS across Milton Keynes will find out their A-level results tomorrow. Keep up to date with all the breaking news by visiting **www.mkweb.co.uk** and using **#alevelsmk**.

Trio charged by cops

POLICE have charged three people for conspiracy to acquire, retain or control stolen property. David Facey, 31, of Bletchley, Natalie Bastian, 38, of Bradwell Common, and Pardeep Rajbans, 31, of Springfield, are due to appear before magistrates on August 27.

Flasher targets girls

A MAN, believed to be aged between 25 and 30, has sparked a police appeal after unzipping his trousers and flashing at two 11-year-old girls. The incident happened at 2.30pm last Wednesday at Bradwell Common Boulevard.

Xscape mass brawl leaves man injured

A MASS brawl involving up to 20 men left a man needing hospital treatment.

The fight took place outside Harvester at Xscape between 4am and 5am on Saturday, but continued over the Childs Way bridge into Pencarrow Place in Fishermead.

One man suffered an injury to his head that needed hospital treatment, but he has since been discharged.

The offenders were all black or mixed race.

Police are urging anyone with information regarding the brawl to call them on 101.

Shot triggers cop appeal

RESIDENTS in Newton Leys were left 'frightened' after a firearm was discharged in their street.

At 9.15pm on Monday, offenders attempted to enter a property in St Helena Avenue and fired a shot at the door.

No-one was injured in the incident, but Superintendent Jim O'Ryan, Local Policing Area Commander for MK, said: "This was a frightening incident for the residents of the property who were at home at the time.

"Officers are working hard to establish the circumstances. I would appeal to anyone with information to call me on 101."

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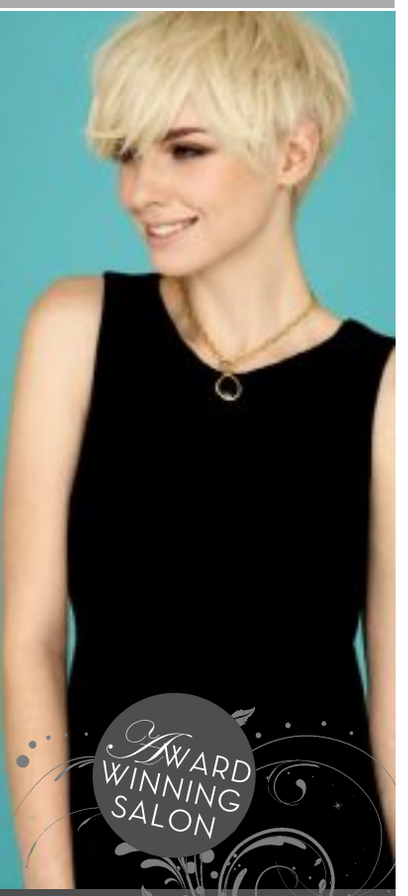

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Driven mad by plan

IF ANYBODY requires any sort of proof that money talks when dealing with local authorities, they should just look at Milton Keynes Council.

I, like many other MK residents who have the misfortune to live adjacent to a school, have requested action be taken to reduce the detrimental effects of the twice daily school run, only to be met with excuse after excuse for not dealing with the problem.

After all most of us are mere council tax payers.

However, when the council, in its wisdom, decided to revamp a perfectly serviceable roundabout at Kingston, thus disturbing the residents of leafy, affluent Wavendon, the council springs into action by placing signs in Walton Road warning traffic away.

Even the total closure of this road is being considered (*'Road closure plan, MK NEWS, August 6*) simply because drivers try to dodge the resulting congestion caused by these unnecessary works.

W Grist

Portchester Court, Great Holm

A supermoon lit up the sky above MK on Sunday. MK NEWS photographer Andy Handley took this picture at Xscape of the full moon while it was closest to earth, meaning it looked bigger and brighter than at other times of the year

Fight to save NHS

IN 1951 Nye Bevan wrote: "the NHS will last as long as there are folk with the faith to fight for it".

Residents of Milton Keynes and Bedford are about to find their faith sorely tested. Planned closures or mergers on an unparalleled scale are now threatening our hospitals.

It is imperative these plans are defeated. Failure to do so could mean life and death for some.

Some people will be transported miles for treatment. Some will not make it to hospital in time. Patients may find they have no visitors in hospital.

Recent experience has revealed that after consultation clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have carried out brutal closures – even opposition from local doctors groups has not stopped them. There is no reason to think our two CCGs, which are driving these plans, will be any different.

The 2012 Health Act is largely about competition between hospitals, doctors and specialities. A&E has to compete against the money-making specialities such as cancer and heart medicine. A&E is expensive, thus departments have been closed all over England, along with other services that cannot generate profits.

The NHS is the most cherished institution in the land. We have a duty to pass the service on to our children intact. Which of us wants to be remembered as the generation who allowed the best health service in the world to become extinct?

Local protest groups are organising petitions. I hope residents will sign them and write to their MP.

Name and address supplied

Time to stop the rot

PASSING through the ex-Waitrose section of the Theatre District is now an unpleasant experience.

It has become run down and depressing. It has all the hallmarks of public neglect.

The entity that has controlled this section for the past two to three years appears to care little for Milton Keynes judging by the condition of the area.

There is a real danger here, for degeneration can spread and bring down areas in close proximity. Those in authority in the city need to take action soon to halt the decline.

Could this unfortunate section be a mitigating factor for retailers wishing to invest in the city?

Where will the Theatre District be while a better deal is held out for – a no go area, for that it where it is heading? Great pity.

S Lonsdale

Sent via email

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

IT'S nice to see they've finally brightened up the booking hall and tunnel leading to the platforms at Milton Keynes Central railway station.

Gone is the ridiculous podium that served no purpose and all the black cladding that made the station appear so dreary and uninviting has been ripped out.

In its place is bright lighting, a new ceiling and uninterrupted access to the ticket barrier and beyond. Well done Network Rail – or whoever is responsible for maintaining the stations.

And with bright, clean, modern trains, travelling to London off-peak is a relatively manageable experience, provided there are no delays and you have a seat.

I would say that it has made life catching a train much simpler, but then you require an honours degree to work out the best and most appropriate ticket that's required for your journey.

No doubt regular commuters will be tutting at the naivety of leisure travellers, but just going to London for the day presents you with a mind boggling array of ticket choices. Tickets are dependent on train times, operator, with or without underground, day return, open return etc.

Prices range from about £19 to £40 return – just don't get a Virgin when you've paid London Midland and vice versa.

If you're crippled by the cost of parking around the station and get dropped off by car save time to enjoy the new road configuration – which successfully removed one access/egress nightmare and replaced it with TWO. Oh well. You can't get everything right.

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Construction site: Building work is still ongoing at the Leisure Plaza, where a man was injured

Worker crushed on building site

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MAN was left with serious injuries after being crushed by 1.1 tonnes of sheet glass on a city centre construction site.

The 28-year-old was working on the construction of the new ice rink at the Leisure Plaza when he was crushed by the glass on Friday morning.

Paramedics attended the scene at 8.55am and called for assistance from the air ambulance, which landed on a nearby dual carriageway at about 9.40am.

The man had been pulled free by his work colleagues and was treated at the scene for suspected chest, abdominal and pelvic injuries, as well as a fracture to his right leg.

He was airlifted to University Hospital Coventry for further treatment.

His condition was unknown at the time of going to press.

An investigation will now be carried out by the Health and Safety Executive, which is responsible for the regulation of workplace health, safety and welfare.

A spokesman for BAM Construct UK Ltd, the contracted builders for the Leisure Plaza site, told MK NEWS: "We are saddened to confirm there was an accident at our Milton Keynes site.

"The accident is being investigated thoroughly by the HSE. We are co-operating completely with this.

"Our thoughts are with the injured man, whose injuries are serious but not life-threatening, and with his family."

A spokesman for the eastern region of the HSE told this newspaper: "We can confirm that HSE are aware of the incident and are investigating the matter.

■ For updates on this story log on to **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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Pubs set for revamp

TWO pubs are set to close for refurbishment work. The Coachmakers Arms in Newport Pagnell and The Eight Belles in Bletchley have closed until further notice to 'improve their overall look'. Both are owned by the Punch Taverns group.

MK Hospital update

THE public will be given an update on the progress of Milton Keynes Hospital at its annual meeting at Woughton Leisure Centre on September 16. For more information, visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Stars raise £500k

CITY charity Emily's Star has hit the huge milestone of raising more than £500,000. It was founded by Katie Elmer after her daughter Emily died of Edward's Syndrome two years ago.

Exposure by a man in socks and pants

A MAN who was wearing only shoes, socks and underpants has sparked a police appeal after he exposed himself to a woman near a park in Caldecotte.

The man, in his mid 40s, spoke to a woman near the park in Gatewick at 4.20pm on Saturday.

He eventually exposed himself to her before running back to his van, which had a red shield emblem and initials on it.

Anyone with information about the man, who had short curly brown hair and was around 5ft 7in, is urged to call PC Jake Glue on 101.

Filipino Festival cancelled

THE organiser of the Filipino Festival has said there are no plans to reschedule the event after heavy rain caused it to be cancelled on Sunday.

The wet weather conditions waterlogged the Campbell Park site where it was due to take place and the decision was made to call the event off in the interests of the 'health and safety' of visitors.

Merald Yates, one of the festival's organisers from the Filipino British Society, said: "We were very disappointed but we had to make the decision. It's not easy to reschedule so it won't be held again until next year."

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Graduation for nursery kids

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The 140 children from Knowlhill Day Nursery and Education Unit, Brooksward Day Nursery in Neath Hill, Little Chestnuts Day Nursery in Bletchley and Wolverton Day Nursery – all of which form part of the Kids Play Childcare group – wore graduation caps they had made themselves for the event.

Each of them was also presented with a certificate and gift to mark the occasion.

The children's families were invited to watch the graduation at Knowlhill Day Nursery and Education Unit, where there was also a climbing wall, bouncy castle, water zorbs and face-painting.

Sharon Elliott, Kids Play's director of childcare, said: "We are sad to say goodbye to our preschoolers but we are so proud of them all and we know they're ready after their time at Kids Play to enjoy this next big step!"

Cap and gown: Nursery children took part in a graduation ceremony at Knowlhill Day Nursery and Education Unit at the weekend

Privacy concern over new homes

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RESIDENTS have raised concerns that a planned housing development will lead to the loss of privacy in their homes.

Outline planning permission has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) for 57 residential units at the former council depot site in Sherwood Drive, Bletchley.

Nearby residents expressed their concerns to developers City Estates at a West Bletchley Council meeting on Monday evening. Plans had shown that some properties in Home Close and Sherwood Drive may be overlooked.

John Mentiplay, who lives in Home Close, said: "The way that our own homes are configured means that the living room is at the back of the building, so effectively we'll have the new development looking straight into our living room while we're relaxing. That's our main issue."

West Bletchley Council will now submit its views on the development, including a host of conditions, to MKC.

Cllr Tony Mabbott, chairman of the council's planning and environment committee, said: "We are concerned about privacy problems and the density. We won't object though if they address our concerns."

Neil Hollingworth, of City Estates, told MK NEWS it may now look at reducing the height of some of the units and 'may make some tweaks'.

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Living Wage council

WOUGHTON Community Council has become a Living Wage employer. It means the authority will pay employees a minimum of £7.65 an hour – £1.34 more than the minimum wage.

Employee earnings

FIVE Milton Keynes Council employees earn more than £100,000 a year, according to the latest report by the TaxPayers Alliance.

Robbers steal phone

A WOMAN had her iPhone stolen during a robbery on the Pear Tree Lane redway, near Eaglestone, on Thursday at 1.30pm. Call police on 101.

Dreamscape is cancelled

A RESCHEDULED music event has now been cancelled.

Yesterday, ESP Promotions announced on its Facebook page that Dreamscape: The Reunion has been called off because some of the artists and DJs were unable to perform at the new time and location.

The dance music event had been rescheduled for September 20 at Willen Lake after being moved from The National Bowl.

Kelley Barclay, from Monkston, contacted MK NEWS to say she hadn't received a £107.50 refund for her tickets, but ESP said it could take up to 28 days for people to get their cash back.

World war medals stolen

A SAFE that contained 'irreplaceable' medals from the first and second world wars has been stolen from a home.

Between 6.40am and 4.20pm on July 28, thieves smashed a glass panel of a door to get inside the house in Cornhill, Two Mile Ash.

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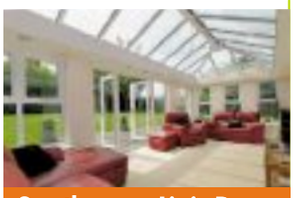
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Shell-shocked by snail salad

Not lovin' it: The snail found in a McDonald's salad

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A FAST food giant has apologised to a mother whose daughter found a snail in her salad.

Lesley Botham was far from impressed after discovering the snail hiding in a lettuce leaf in the grilled chicken salad during an outing to the branch of McDonald's in Portway near the North Grafton roundabout.

She posted a picture on the public Facebook page for McDonald's on Friday and said: "I was disgusted this afternoon when I found this in my daughter's grilled chicken salad at McDonald's near the [old] MK hockey stadium – disgusting!"

When MK NEWS contacted the company for a comment regarding the complaint, it promised to investigate how the snail had found its way into the meal.

A McDonald's spokesman added: "We are sorry for Ms Botham's experience when visiting our restaurant.

"Food safety and product quality are our highest priority and both our restaurants and our suppliers follow rigorous standards in order to avoid imperfections in our products.

"Our customer service team are looking into this and will be contacting Ms Botham shortly to resolve this matter."

Healthy start to Olympic legacy

NEW figures from Sport England show the Olympic legacy is still being felt in Milton Keynes.

The proportion of people who take part in at least 30 minutes of sporting activity at least once a week in the city has increased from 34.1 per cent in 2006 to 41.4 per cent in 2014.

Cllr Mick Legg said: "There is no doubt the legacy of London 2012 is still being felt in Milton Keynes."

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Golfer slammed after online rant

BY JAMES AVERILL
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GOLF star Ian Poulter has been slammed for being 'out of touch' following an online outburst after his children's nanny was downgraded on a British Airways flight.

The Woburn golfer took to Twitter to vent his frustration after finding out that his wife Katie would have to look after the couple's four children on her own for the 10-hour flight because their nanny had been downgraded from business class.

Poulter, 38, tweeted: "Booked six business seats for my wife and nanny to fly home and British Airways downgrade my nanny so Katie has no help for 10 hours with four kids.

"Amazing how British Airways have downgraded a full fare ticket when you buy six seats together in one booking. Just doesn't seem right."

But many of his 1.7million followers failed to sympathises with the golf pro, who has raked in nearly £10million in prize money in his 18-year professional career.

Facing a backlash: Ian Poulter's Twitter rant didn't go down well

One replied: "Well done for distancing yourself from approximately 98.3 per cent of the population Ian."

Another tweeted: "My heart bleeds for you. Children are being killed in Gaza and you're crying because your wife has to look after her own."

But the two-time world champion was quick to defend his tweet, saying: "I work as hard as everyone else to provide the best for my family."

Poulter has since appeared to quit Twitter, saying 'goodbye for now'.

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New Islamic Centre is proving popular

THE city's first Islamic Centre has had a busy few weeks since opening its doors.

The centre on Coffee Hall has been packed with worshippers since it opened during Ramadan last month.

"There is a very good community spirit in the new building," said Mohammed Ageli, chairman of the Milton Keynes Muslim Association.

Centre manager Ahmed Hilal added the opening weeks had been 'busy'.

Campaign may help city's A&E

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A CAMPAIGN has been launched to encourage people to dial 111 instead of putting increased pressure on the city's A&E department.

Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (MK CCG) is aiming to raise awareness of the free call service, which provides access over the phone to trained health advisors who can advise on the best option for treatment.

It will be holding 21 events across the city over the next two months to publicise the service.

Figures published by the NHS show that 40 per cent of people who attended A&E in the UK last year were discharged with no treatment.

Despite 111 being labelled as 'seriously flawed' by the Royal College of GPs after its launch in April 2013, Dr Nicola Smith, chairman and lead clinician of MK CCG, said: "Over the last few years we have seen a considerable increase in people going to our A&E. We started this campaign because there is a need to raise people's awareness that when you aren't sure where to go for care 111 can provide advice."

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OU first class say satisfied students

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THE Open University (OU) has been named in the top 10 universities in the country for student satisfaction.

It received a rating of 91 per cent for overall student satisfaction in the latest National Student Survey (NSS), which was released yesterday.

It means the OU is one of only four UK universities to have consistently achieved more than 90 per cent in the survey since it was introduced in 2005.

The survey gathers the opinions of students on their studying experience.

The Open University Students' Association (OUSA) enjoyed a rise of three per cent in its satisfaction ratings for the second consecutive year.

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With more than 200,000 students, the OU, which is based in Walton Hall, is the largest university in the UK.

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Keith Zimmerman, director for students, said: "Once again it is great to see our students rate us so highly.

"As the UK's largest university, the student experience lies at the heart of everything the OU stands for, so it is very rewarding to see that reflected in these results.

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[2] Source: Average of 2012-14 external and internal HE lesson observations.
[3] Source: Bedford College higher education student survey 2013/14
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Bradwell Abbey: Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre director Henk van Aswegen outside the chapel. The centre is applying for money to renovate the medieval buildings at the site. Many of them are listed and are in urgent need of repair

Bid for heritage cash

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes City Discovery Centre (MKCDC) has applied for £2.3million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to help restore its ancient home.

MKCDC is based at the Bradwell Abbey site, a scheduled ancient monument that currently has some of its medieval buildings surrounded by scaffolding and in need of restoration.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, 19 windows were smashed by vandals in January, causing £7,000 worth of damage.

The windows have still not been replaced and other buildings require urgent work, including the Grade I-listed chapel, which houses medieval wall art but has a leaking roof.

Henk van Aswegen, director of MKCDC, said: "The bid is for the restoration of the site.

"Obviously having scaffolding up and the vandalism does affect people's perspective, but if MKCDC is successful in its bid the site will become a significant heritage area."

As well as an important medieval and wildlife site, the abbey is hired throughout the year for community events and weddings.

MKCDC has put together its bid to HLF, which invests cash in sustaining and transforming heritage in the UK, with help from Milton Keynes Council.

Henk added: "We need to protect and highlight the heritage of MK or it will be lost.

"It is very important to people's identity and creates civic pride. If the council wants MK to be a city of culture, heritage is a key component."

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Spike in school fines to parents

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE number of fines issued to parents for taking their children out of school have increased by 657 per cent.

In the school year 2012/2013 Milton Keynes Council issued 45 fines to parents who either took their children on holiday or did not explain their child's absence.

But in September 2013 the Government introduced a ban on term-time holidays.

The new rule made it clear that headteachers could not grant any leave of absence during term-time unless there were 'exceptional circumstances'.

As reported by MK NEWS, by March this year, 76 fines had already been issued by the council, totalling £2,340.

Since March this has increased by 349 per cent with 341 fines worth more than £20,000.

Parents are fined £60 per parent, per child, per period of absence, which rises to £120 if not paid within 21 days.

No choice: Cllr Norman Miles says schools have to give fine

Councillor Norman Miles, cabinet member for children and lifelong learning, said: "MK Council now has little direct control over how schools are run.

"Until recently headteachers were able to use their commonsense and judgement, however changes by the Government means they now have little choice."

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Lisa Marie Pugh: "Holidays are now only for the rich as not a lot of people can afford the school holiday prices that most holiday companies are putting up."

Lukasz Klonowski: "If you search you can find cheaper holidays. Kid's education is more important."

Helen Ward: "My holiday was booked in January 2013 to go away in December 2013 for three-an-a-half weeks.

"At the time of booking there was no information to say that we were going to be issued with a penalty notice. Even after talking to the school several times. Total £240.

"I don't think we should have been fined as it was booked without knowing the new rules."

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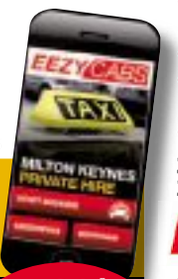

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Solar farm set to get green light

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PLANS for a solar farm that would power thousands of homes are expected to be given the go-ahead by planning chiefs tomorrow.

Camborne Energy Ltd has applied to Milton Keynes Council to build the 14 solar panel farm on land north of Littlewood Farm in Hanslope.

The proposed farm would generate enough electricity to power 3,636 homes every year.

It is thought that the farm would take six months to build, meaning if permission is granted at the development control committee meeting at the civic offices, the site could open in spring 2015.

Planning officers have recommended the plans are approved.

Although they accept the proposed development would have an 'adverse effect' on the character of the nearby landscape, they believe the presence of the M1 has already led to a 'deterioration' of the rural surroundings' and that 'the benefits are considered to outweigh the identified harm'.

Jude Cook, project manager from Camborne Energy, said: "Seventy five of attendees at a local exhibition about the proposals supported the application and we are keen to see the local area benefit from the solar farm."

Happy: Anne Dodds from John Lewis and Rebecca Savage from the city's Food Bank

Shoppers' token effort for hungry

CUSTOMERS have raised £870 to help the hungry in the city.

Shoppers at John Lewis in the centre:mk were given a token to place in a box of the good cause they would most like to support.

MK Food Bank received the most green tokens in the Community Matters box in the store's restaurant.

Rebecca Savage from the food bank said: "We are just so grateful for this funding, which will go towards food items for hungry families and needy individuals in MK."

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Dorothy who is aged 83 and lives locally in Milton Keynes has £230K invested in an HSBC discretionary fund management (DFM) service as well as a further £100K invested in another HSBC DFM which is held in a trust for the benefit of her grandchildren.

What is truly shocking is that she recently visited her branch seeking some advice and was told that HSBC no longer offers financial advice for customers!!!! Dorothy is worried and doesn't know where to turn to for advice.

Her daughter Susan lives in the North West of England. When she found out about her mother's dilemma she immediately did a search on Google and found two useful websites one of which was unbiased.co.uk and the other vouchedfor.co.uk. Unbiased.co.uk is a directory of independent financial advisers whereas vouchedfor.co.uk is a testimonials website for professional advisers. She chose us because she wanted a firm of Chartered Financial Planners with a specialism in investment management and estate planning including Inheritance Tax mitigation. She supplemented her research with checking our website at wealthandtax.co.uk focussing on our many client video testimonials.

Tony Byrne
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We recently had our first meeting with Dorothy and her son Brian at our offices with Susan joining the meeting on a Skype video call from her living room in the North West of England. The meeting went very well.

We have been asked to produce a Wealth And Tax Management plan for Dorothy to include our proposals for managing her investments, her grandchildren's trust investments and our strategies for protecting her wealth and reducing her Inheritance Tax liability. She has an estate worth more than £1 million. Needless to say we accepted her invitation!

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Car wash: Staff at Westbury Grange and The Limes washed cars to raise money for charity Childhood Eye Cancer Trust. Gemma Bawn, *left*, is the mother of Skylah-Mae, who has retinoblastoma, a rare form of eye cancer. With her are Faye McCann, *middle*, and Josie Williams

Sights set on charity

BY SCOTT KIRK
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FUNDRAISERS will get out their buckets and sponges to help a charity that is supporting a one-year-old suffering from a rare form of cancer.

Gemma Bawn, 20, and her colleagues at Westbury Grange and The Limes nursing home in Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell, will hold a charity car wash on September 6 to raise cash for the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.

Gemma's daughter, Skylah-Mae, has a form of cancer known as retinoblastoma.

She has a tumour in her right eye and 20 'seeds' – or areas in the eye which could become tumours if not treated properly. It means she can only see shapes and light with this eye.

She had tumours in her left eye as well, but these were successfully treated with chemotherapy.

Skylah-Mae has also had to undergo an operation at the Royal London Hospital to remove a brain tumour and has been undergoing chemotherapy for the last couple of weeks. Gemma hopes that she is now on the road to recovery.

"The Childhood Eye Cancer Trust people are the ones that have really helped us," said Gemma, of Surrey Road, Bletchley.

"It's hard at the minute because the chemo she is having is quite aggressive, but I feel more positive now.

"She is amazing – she's so strong and happy and everyone who sees her wonders how she has cancer."

The car wash was meant to take place on Sunday but had to be called off because of the weather. The September event will also be raising money for the nursing home.

Orchard tribute plan for Denise

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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PLANS are being drawn up to honour the late secretary of a community orchard as it celebrates its 10th anniversary.

A fund has been set up to hopefully pay for a notice-board at the Wolverton Community Orchard, which will feature a plaque dedicated to Denise Ilett.

Flowers have already been planted at the orchard in her memory.

The two yellow roses were planted by her family and close friend Hilary Saunders following her death after she fell down the stairs at her home in the town in March.

Mrs Saunders, who is also chairman of Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, said: "She was a bag of energy and has done so much for the town."

The news comes as the orchard holds a taster day on Tuesday from 10am to mark its anniversary and encourage more volunteers to help maintain it and keep it open to the community.

Bloom: Hilary Saunders and Yvonne Galuszka with a rose planted in memory of Denise Ilett, *inset*. There are now plans for a plaque

The site holds several events every year, including picnics and family fetes to bring residents together.

Many of the past events were organised by Denise, who was also secretary of Wolverton Society for Arts Heritage, heavily involved in Wolverton 175 celebrating the anniversary of the town's railway and the annual Britain in Bloom entries.

In 2013 she was given an award by Britain in Bloom judges for her outstanding commitment to the community.

Residents can donate towards Denise's fund at the town council offices in Creed Street.

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Our history dates back to Iron Age

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered more than 40 burial pits in the city with historical findings dating back thousands of years.

Oxford Archaeology (OA) carried out extensive excavations in Broughton village where it discovered evidence of neighbouring settlements from as far back as the Iron Age to the medieval period.

Dr Elizabeth Popescu, OA's post excavation and publication manager, said: "A lot of people see Milton Keynes as a modern city, but people lived and worked here for thousands of years. These priceless findings add more to the jigsaw of the time."

In the digs, OA found 44 burial pits, including up to 55 people. They learnt more about the burial beliefs of the time and found items including sling shots, pots, clothing and broaches.

From the findings they can see how settlements evolved from a middle Iron Age hamlet, succeeded in the first century BC by various farmsteads and then medieval villages.

Dr Popescu added: "This is the largest group of remains found in Buckinghamshire."

This unique discovery is being shared in a new book tracing the city's history.

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Unearthing history: Rob Atkins of Oxford Archaeology carefully excavates a late Iron Age cremation in Broughton. Picture from OA

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GP's health tips on charity cycle

Prescription for a healthy life: GP Anthony Nicolaou offers help to an overweight lady

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A DOCTOR is going the extra mile to help people improve their health.

Anthony Nicolaou, 57, from Aspley Guise, is cycling 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats.

As well as raising money for charity he is also stopping people he sees along the way to give them health advice.

Since starting his solo ride last Monday he has already spoken to an overweight lady and a elderly woman, who suffers with multiple myeloma – a type of bone marrow cancer.

He said: "I am enjoying talking to the new people I meet about their health."

Dr Nicolaou hopes to finish his journey later this week before he starts his new role as a GP at Furzton Medical Centre.

So far he has raised about £1,000, but hopes to collect more than £2,000 for Willen Hospice and the Anthony Nolan Trust, which helps find blood stem cell and bone marrow transplants for cancer sufferers.

The charity helped find a bone marrow for his three-year-old son Joshua, who had leukaemia but sadly died.

He said: "Twenty years later I still find it difficult to talk about but it has made me a better doctor.

"I am doing this trip to raise money and awareness, but also because I need to step outside my comfort zone."

Dr Nicolaou will be cycling between 60 and 80 miles a day.

He added: "The more people donate, the more supported I feel to get up these never ending hills!"

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Brilliant Baggaley

HE MAY have six Commonwealth medals on the table following Glasgow 2014, but Scott Kirk and Dan Palmer decided to take on Andrew Baggaley in a match – of two against one

Star quality: Andrew Baggaley

TO COMPETE in one Commonwealth Games is impressive enough, two is outstanding, but four is something that a lot of sports stars can only dream of.

Not only has MK's Andrew Baggaley, 31, competed at Manchester 2002, Melbourne 2006, Delhi 2010 and Glasgow 2014 – he has won at least one medal at each of them.

The Commonwealth Games has become the event where the table tennis ace has enjoyed the most success since he first competed in Manchester as a 19-year-old.

And he said he was proud to add another medal to the haul with a team silver in Glasgow.

His previous medals include two golds (Manchester), two silvers (Melbourne and Delhi) and a bronze (Delhi).

"I'm proud that I have been a part of the Commonwealth Games and won these medals," he said.

"Every one of the games and the medals holds a special place in my heart

"They're big things to win and I've worked hard."

But just how good is a Commonwealth Games medallist compared to your average table tennis player?

To find out MK NEWS sports editor Dan Palmer and reporter Scott Kirk decided to take him on and see how they would fare.

The answer? Not well. Even though it was two against one.

In fact, when he started producing his proper serve, they couldn't even return it, constantly hitting the net.

The problem wasn't just the spin – it was the type of spin they were up against.

Most of the pair's returns went straight into the net, others careered skywards and the ferocity he hit his smashes with took them by surprise.

And this was Baggaley having a much-deserved break after Glasgow 2014!

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Balls up: Dan Palmer, *left*, and Scott Kirk were no match for table tennis ace Andrew Baggaley

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Charity match nets £15k for heart tests

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MORE THAN £15,000 raised through a 24-hour ice hockey match will be used to screen 430 people for heart abnormalities.

The MK ice hockey community raised the money last month by playing in a sponsored match and memorial game for sports fan Kris Ledgard, who died aged 22 after suffering a sudden heart attack in Broughton in 2012.

In total 180 players and referees from seven city-based teams took part in the event at MKIce.

The money will be given to charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) to test people from MK aged 14 to 35 for cardiac abnormalities.

It is hoped this will help reduce the number of young people who die from heart problems.

Kris' brother Tomas, director of the Kris Ledgard Foundation and Memorial Fund, said: "This has been fantastic and extremely emotional for all involved.

Charity in action: Ice hockey players from MK take to the rink to raise money for charity CRY in memory of Kris Ledgard, *inset*

"We're so grateful for everyone who took on our cause without question and raised such a huge sum."

The players raised more than £10,000, with the rest coming from entry fees, sales of ice hockey shirts, donations, raffles and other activities.

CRY volunteers were also on hand to raise awareness of cardiac abnormalities.

Defibrillator suppliers Cardiac Aid also attended and pledged to donate £100 for each machine bought until September.

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Water safety: Firefighters use the new boat during a training exercise at Tongwell Lake, Blakelands

The heat is on to stay water wise

BY SCOTT KIRK
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FIREFIGHTERS have been focussing on water safety – a topical issue in the city after two casualties at Bletchley's Blue Lagoon.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service spent £30,000 on two Zodia Milpro boats two months ago, one of which is housed at Newport Pagnell Fire Station.

Members of the station's Blue Watch visited Waterhall Park in Bletchley last Wednesday for a training exercise, where they used the boat to simulate a rescue from the weir on the River Ouzel.

Rangers from The Parks Trust include this stretch of the river in their daily patrols to promote water safety messages.

On a visit to Waterhall Park with a ranger, Christine Duncan, the service's community safety coordinator for Milton Keynes, spoke to a number of families at the site.

She said: "There were about eight children playing in the water, some chest deep, the youngest being two years old.

"Even good swimmers can be caught out by hidden dangers such as fast currents, deep holes or soft mud.

"Any stretch of water, still or flowing, has the capability to kill."

Firefighters are supporting this summer's water safety campaign, led by the SaferMK community safety partnership and The Parks Trust, which aims to let people know about the dangers of swimming in open water.

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Is reporter Scott Mensa material?

BY SCOTT KIRK
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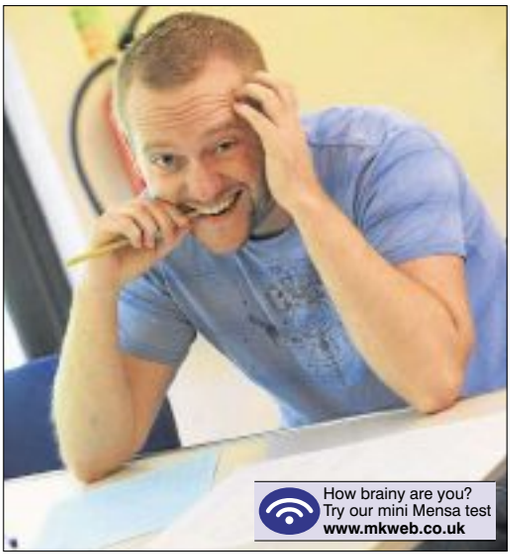
THE last thing a lot of you would want to do on a Saturday morning after a hard week at work is test your brain power, but that's exactly what I did when I took on the British Mensa challenge.

However, my feelings of trepidation as I walked into the Quaker Centre in Downhead Park immediately disappeared when I saw how friendly all the other candidates and invigilator were.

For those of you unaware of what Mensa is, it was formed in 1946 and its members have IQs that put them in the top two per cent of the country. You have to sit a test to get in so I thought I would have a go to see how brainy (or stupid) I am!

I'm not going to lie – some of it was very hard – but the competitive part of me really enjoyed the challenge.

"It tests your innate ability to think and it's the challenge which attracts people," said invigilator Lee Robinson, who is a Mensa member.



"I tend to see more men in here and I think that's because it's men who usually can be quite competitive."

The time limit was probably the hardest element of the test, but it was great fun and I can't wait to get my results back in a couple of weeks.

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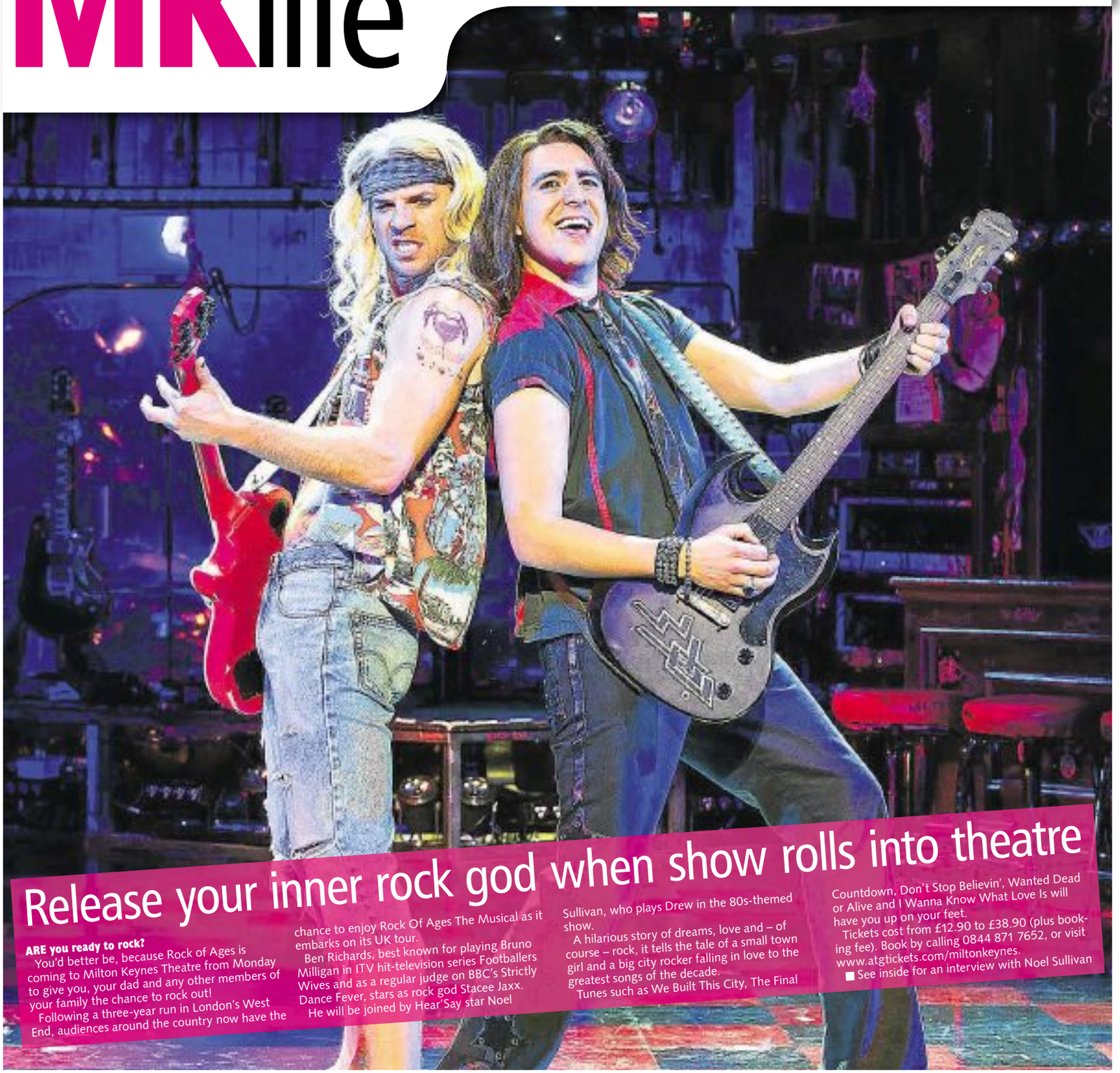

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The Parks Trust and Milton Keynes City Orchestra (MKCO) will present an evening of uplifting music, fireworks and fizz. Last year's uplifting music included Dambusters and patriotic numbers like Rule Britannia.

This year's concert will take place in the park's amphitheatre on Friday with gates opening from 6.30pm for the start at 8pm.

The Parks Trust has announced that, under the baton of MKCO founder Hilary Davan Wetton, the orchestra will be joined on stage by two soloists – baratone James Cleverton and soprano Emily Haig.

Tickets cost £12 for adults, £8 for children and £32 for a family (two adults and two children). Parking at the nearby centre:mk or Xscape is recommended. To book call Marian Livingstone on 01908 233123 or visit www.theparkstrust.com

IN THIS month's article for MK LIFE, property director for The Parks Trust, Jenny Strathern, writes about how the charity ensures it can keep our parks in tip top condition all year round

I HAVE worked for The Parks Trust for eight years as property director.

While most people who live and work in Milton Keynes are familiar with our beautiful parks, such as Campbell Park, Linford Wood and Willen Lake, very few realise that we are a charity and our 5,000 acres of parkland are paid for from rents and income from our commercial property portfolio and investments.

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As the city grows the trust is also expanding and it is hugely satisfying to be building up the financial stability of an organisation dedicated to improving green space for everyone.

luxuryretreat

WHEN I was asked to visit Kelling Heath Holiday Park in Norfolk, an image sprang to mind of a place with arcades, loud cabaret and lots of noisy children, writes Marie Derry.

How wrong could I be. A brief read about an 'eco-retreat' within three hours of Milton Keynes, that hosted a red squirrel breeding programme and had won Best Holiday Park in the country, got my attention.

After a gruelling journey in the heat with two young children, it was a welcome sight to turn off from the main road and enter a completely different landscape with acres of woodland ahead of us that immediately had our stress levels dropping.

We had a lovely positioned luxury caravan set on the verge of the heath and I had to admit that I was already feeling some love for the place. The free outdoor pool was popular and the spa in the leisure complex (extra charge) offered welcome relaxation time after our cycle ride (bikes can be hired on site).

We devoured our meal at the Forge restaurant, which was reasonably priced. The Sunday carvery also offered good value at £12.95 for two courses. I have to admit that I succumbed to the temptation of buying locally produced ale, jams and jewellery from the producers market that visits the park on a Sunday morning.

A stay at Kelling Heath is by no means a cheap holiday and the 'inflation' on summer holiday bookings is steep, but if you fancy a woodland retreat, pond dipping, bushcraft, cycle and walking trails, local produce and coastline within minutes, you won't be disappointed.

Maisie and Jack Derry

MKlife

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The restaurant will be opening in Stony Stratford at the end of August and is themed around a fusion of British smokehouse (using traditional woodchip smokers) and American charcoal grill.

The team has taken over what was the Foresters Arms and the premises are currently undergoing a substantial renovation to deliver a new premium social dining experience.

This experience combines popular meals such as burgers, hotdogs, ribs and wings plus slow-cooked meats from the smokers. The big difference is that the food at Smoke Shack is being produced fresh by Michelin-star trained chefs, using the very best quality, locally-sourced produce.

Smoke Shack will be about amazing flavours and a unique experience you won't find anywhere else.

To celebrate its opening, Smoke Shack has launched a Golden Ticket Hunt. Golden tickets will be hidden somewhere in Milton Keynes and whoever finds one will be entitled to a free meal worth £40!

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If you think you have what it takes, you could also enter this year's Fenny's Got Talent.

As well as taking a look at the food stalls, visitors can take their own picnic to eat on the lawn, while they enjoy demonstrations, including a live graffiti show.

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FORMER Hear'Say singer Noel Sullivan says his role as Drew Boley in Rock of Ages is one of the hardest he has ever played.

He will be taking on anthemic records very different to the catchy, kitsch ditties of his foray into popular music.

"This is one of the hardest roles I have ever played," says Noel, who has added stints alongside Jason Donovan in Priscilla, Queen of the Desert and a top billing in We Will Rock You to his CV since the Hear'Say days.

"I love singing; so long as I'm doing that, I'm happy. It stops me from having to do a real job, anyway," he said.

"During my 20s, I struggled with worrying that I was pursuing a selfish vocation.

"But since then I've realised that this profession does benefit others – we offer the audience a form of escapism while telling a story.

"The Rock of Ages guys are a joy to work with. The show is really funny, so everyone arrives with their comedy heads on."

Rock of Ages will be on at MK Theatre from Monday until Friday, August 23.

silverstein

FORMED in 2000 in Canada, Silverstein has come as close to a household name as you can get in the post-hardcore scene.

After five full length albums, three EPs, a live album, mini album, and numerous 7" singles and collections, Silverstein have sold more than a million albums worldwide.

Having played more than 1,500 shows across 34 countries, the band stop by to play at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Saturday.

Doors open for the event at 7.30pm and tickets,costing £15, can be bought from www.thecraufurdarms.com

gowild

CLARE Balding has really found her true calling when it comes to presenting, writes Scott Kirk.

I've seen her present plenty of horse racing as a fan of the sport, but after watching Operation Wild, I think she is more suited to this sort of documentary work.

You can hear the compassion in her voice when she's talking about the animals, and with the excellent Steve Leonard alongside her, I think this is a very different take on the genre.

It documents different operations on exotic creatures in far-flung places of the planet, from giving an elephant an x-ray, to performing an ultrasound on a manta ray and caring for baby pandas.

It was a heart-rending watch at times, but worth it.

The second episode is on BBC One tonight at 9pm.

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localLandscapes

AN EXHIBITION of landscape photographs by local photographer Dan Evans is being held at a museum.

Colour In The Landscape, which showcases some stunning local scenes, is on display at Three Hares Gallery in the Cowper and Newton Museum, Olney. The museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10.30am and the free exhibition is on until August 29.

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summertheatre

ENJOY Ovation Theatre's version of the smash hit musical RENT!

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indoorbeach

THE beach is back in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk.

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onelove

REGGAE and Dub fans will unite for the seventh UK One Love Festival from Friday until Sunday.

As well as hundreds of artists over four stages, there will also be children's activities, a market and cuisine from around the world at Springfield Farm, Little Horwood.

Camping is available and tickets cost between £50 and £140. Visit **www.mkweb.co.uk** for more details.

filmfestival

GRAB a picnic and head down to the Open Air Film Festival.

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Pennyland

THIS four-bedroom town house is all about living life by the water's edge.

Situated with the basin to the canal on your doorstep and your own mooring, this property could provide the tranquil life you have been looking for and is ideal for a boat owner.

The property is set over three floors and comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, storage/utility cupboard, kitchen, family room, lounge, bathroom, garage and carport, courtyard front garden and a patio area to the rear with steps leading down to moorings. It has an EPC rating of D.

Pennyland is situated just a short drive from Central Milton Keynes and within walking distance of Willen Lake, which offers a range of leisure facilities and picturesque walks.

So if you are a water lover and are interested in this property, on the market for £310,000, give Inspired Sales & Lettings a call on 01908 690700 for more information or to arrange a viewing.

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£700,000

Furzton

- Six Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge, Dining Room & Den
- Double Garage with Gym
- Private Gated Driveway
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furzton. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

£665,000

Milton Keynes

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge, Study & Sunroom
- Dining Room & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lawned Rear Garden with Patio Area
- Private Driveway & Double Garage

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Walton

- Four Bedroom Detached Townhouse
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- Lounge, Bathrooms & Study
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking for Multiple Cars

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Broughton £300,000

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- Well Presented Garden

Broughton £265,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master
- Rear Garden & Single Garage

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- End Terraced Property
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Broughton £95,000

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- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Bletchley **£210,000**

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- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens & Garage

Bletchley **£200,000**

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Bletchley **£185,000**

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Bletchley **£160,000**

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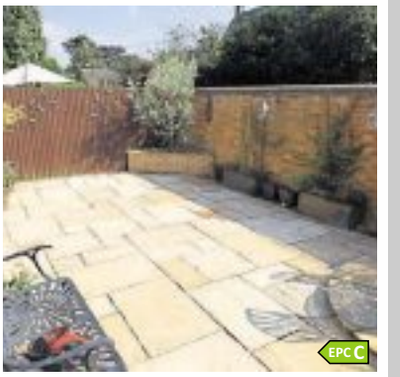

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- Garage

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- Lounge/Diner
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- Kitchen

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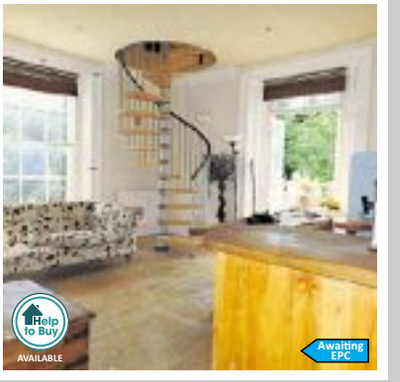

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Monkston £230,000

Three bedroom end terraced property in the area of Monkston comprising re-fitted family bathroom, separate WC, re-fitted kitchen/diner, front and rear gardens and off road parking.

Willen Park £189,995

First floor apartment set within the sought after location of Willen Park. Comprising two double bedrooms, en-suite to master, lounge/diner, kitchen and family bathroom. Allocated and visitor parking.

Broughton £185,000

A fantastic two bedroom coach house in the popular location of Broughton. The property has a local retail park close by, is a short drive to the city centre and has great school catchments.

Bradville £180,000

Four bedroom detached property. Comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, four bedrooms, front and rear gardens and garage.

Greenleys £170,000

Three bedroom semi detached house in the area of Greenleys. The property briefly comprises WC, lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Lonsdale £165,000

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Beanhill £150,000

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Oldbrook £80,000

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East Milton Keynes **From £131,950**

This apartments located at Walton Grange are ideally suited for first time buyers, investors, those requiring commuter links, good school catchment, proximity to local lakes and parkland. The modern open plan living area boasts high quality kitchen with fitted units, oven and hob. The bathrooms are finished to a high standard with a choice of tiles available. Walton Grange is located close to Caldecotte Lake is and a short drive from the vibrant city of Milton Keynes, offering a wide range of shopping, restaurants, cinema, theatre, and night life.

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South Milton keynes **£265,000**

The Crofton is a three bedroom townhouse appeaingl to growing families or professional couples. The entrance hallway leads to a living/dining room with French doors to the garden. There's also a fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, a guest cloakroom.A spacious double bedroom,and a family bathroom are located off the first floor landing.
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- . Detached Double Garage

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Shenley Brook End **£875,000**

The Old Barn is the original historically listed brick barn dating back to the 19th century. A sympathetic and skilled restoration has returned this barn to its former glory offering a wealth of features with detailed brickwork under a natural slate roof. The stunning kitchen has an impressive vaulted ceiling with bespoke hardwood bi-fold door It has been individually designed with large central island and at this stage of marketing we are offering the purchaser the opportunity to liaise directly with the design team to ensure the kitchen is bespoke to them. On the ground floor there are three further reception rooms, two en-suite bedrooms, utility and cloakroom. The sitting room has a wood burning stove and feature oak lintel. On the first floor is the master bedroom en-suite with a further en-suite bedroom. To the outside of the property is a detached double garage with together with private parking for four cars behind electric gates. This is a rare opportunity to acquire a home steeped with characteristic features giving a balance between traditional and modern day living.

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Stantonbury £175,000

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Two Bathrooms
- Rear Garden & Garage
- No Above Chain

Westcroft £274,950

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
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- Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Fantastic Property

Bletchley Guide Price £350,000

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- Four Piece Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
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Stantonbury £179,995

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- Top Floor Apartment
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- Lounge
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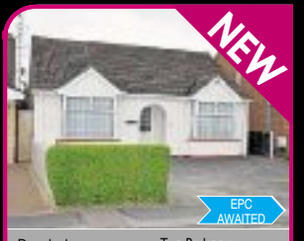

- Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
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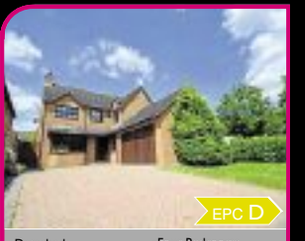
Bletchley £285,000



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- En-Suite To Master
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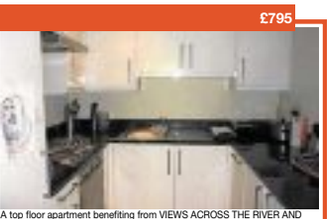

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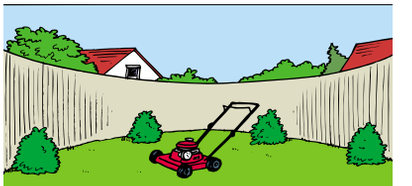

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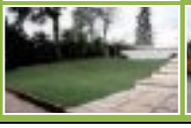

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF BEDFORD STREET (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Bedford Street from its junction with Green Lane to its junction with Radcliffe Street to allow safe access to water mains whilst essential repair and maintenance works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm on 26 August 2014.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Radcliffe Street and Green Lane and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed order will come into operation on 26 August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (BRIDLEWAY 45 (PART), CALVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 12th August 2014 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along part of Bridleway 45, Calverton in order to allow safe access for vehicles accessing the developers site compound and to allow works to be carried out on site at the Milton Keynes Western Expansion Area development. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 18th August 2014 until 18th February 2015. The affected length of Bridleway is as follows:-

Bridleway 45 - will be closed from a point where it meets with bridleway 43 (600 metres south of V4 Watling Street), and continuing for a distance of 260 metres in an easterly direction

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via a temporary bridleway north of Bridleway 45

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties and any vehicles being used in connection with the construction works.

The closures and their alternative routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of bridleway.

The Order will come into operation on 18th August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF WINDSOR STREET (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Windsor Street from its junction with Aylesbury Street to its junction with Western Road to allow safe access to water mains whilst essential repair and maintenance works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm on 26 August 2014.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Aylesbury Street, Windsor Street and Western Road, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

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All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed order will come into operation on 26 August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, TWO MILE ASH) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2011) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 12th August 2014 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along lengths of High Street, Church Hill and the access road that links High Street and Kepwick, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes.
- The introduction of No Waiting (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm) restrictions along lengths of High Street and Kepwick, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others

This Order will come into effect from 14th August 2014.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the area referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Copies of any Order to be varied or revoked by these proposals can be viewed during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-096

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been compiled with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS) ORDER 2008) VARIATION ORDER 2014 THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (REDBRIDGE, STANTONBURY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Redbridge, Stantonbury
- The alteration to the prohibition of stopping outside Schools restriction along part of Redbridge, Stantonbury

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 03 September 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-098.

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PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO TRAFFIC FLOW AND WAITING, PARKING AND SPEED RESTRICTION IN PARTS OF WOLVERTON ROAD NEAR WOLVERTON RAILWAY STATION, MILTON KEYNES 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make 3 Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders, the titles of which are listed below, will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects :-

To introduce on a permanent basis a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Old Wolverton Road at Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a north-westerly direction.

To introduce on a permanent basis a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Old Wolverton Road at Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton

The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions along various lengths of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with the entrance to Wolverton Train Station to its junction with Old Wolverton Road at Haversham Roundabout

The introduction of on-street pay and display and pay by mobile phone parking places between the hours of 05.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday, inclusive, along some lengths of the north eastern kerbline of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with the V6 Grafton Street at Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

The charges for parking will be £6.00 per daily stay if parking between the hours of 5.00am and 9.15am Monday to Friday and £2.00 per daily stay if parking from 9.15am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Parking will be free of charge between 5.00pm and 5.00am Monday to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.

Exemptions from the proposed Orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 3rd September 2014 quoting reference WL-P&E-9349-TRO-2369.

13 August 2014

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Order Titles

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2014

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01430/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Leyland Cypress at 11 Bedford Street, Wolverton
14/01620/FUL	Internal alterations to shop unit, new shop front, and partial demolition of outbuildings to accommodate rear extension to shop facilities at 47 High Street, Woburn Sands
14/01627/TCA	Notification of intention to remove mixed Hawthorn/ Blackthhorn/Wild Cherry hedge to rear boundary at 2 Chaseport Close, Ravenstone
14/01631/FUL	Replacement roof and render to triple garage at 36 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
14/01701/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Silver birch tree at 16 Oxford Street, Wolverton
14/01714/FUL	Replacement windows and doors with uPVC at 8 East Street, Olney
14/01729/FUL	Replacement front wall at 15 Cambridge Street, Wolverton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01500/LBC	Listed building consent for removal and replacement of existing signs; painting of the ground skirt burgundy red and painting of the tiles black; widening of main entrance doorway and replacing with a period door; reconditioning of the external windows at Foresters Arms, 3 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford
14/01641/FUL	First floor rear extension at 5 Olney Road, Emberton
14/01642/LBC	Listed building consent for first floor rear extension at 5 Olney Road, Emberton
14/01745/ADV	Advertisement consent for 1 fascia sign and 1 hanging sign at Foresters Arms, 3 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford
14/00841/LBC	Listed building consent to replace windows with UPVC double glazed units in outbuilding at 27 High Street, Great Linford

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

An appeal has been lodged by Mr Warren Harrison against the refusal of planning application 12/02697/FUL for proposed new road and strategy for vehicular movements including new exit onto Drayton Road (limited time periods) and additional car parking (re-submission 12/01136/FUL) at The Premier Academy, Saffron Street, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 3AH.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The public inquiry will be held at **Room 2, Civic Offices, Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ commencing at 10.00am on Wednesday 27th August 2014.**

An appeal has been lodged by Mr N Fox against the refusal of planning application 13/01546/FUL for change of use from a 5 bed detached residential dwelling to a House in Multiple Occupancy (retrospective) at 15 Goldhawk Road, Monkston Park, Milton Keynes, MK10 9PA.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The public inquiry will be held at **Room 3, Civic Offices, Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ commencing at 10.00am on Tuesday 2nd September 2014.**

An appeal has been lodged by Taylor Wimpey South Midlands against the refusal of planning application 13/01546/FUL for development of 26 residential units, with associated parking, landscaping and access at Phase 2, Site 6, Land South of Milland Way, Oxley Park East, Milton Keynes.

It has been decided that this appeal will be dealt with on the basis of a hearing, which you may attend, and at the inspector's discretion, give your views. The public inquiry will be held at **Minstral Room , Civic Offices, Milton Keynes Council, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ commencing at 10.00am on Thursday 11th September 2014.**

For further details please contact Planning Enquiries, Milton Keynes Council, Tel: 01908 252358.

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The UK's first ever national league will feature a team representing Milton Keynes and is set to be shown live by Sky Sports.

It has been confirmed that the scoring system will see matches being played in a 'first to nine points' format to reward attacking gameplay, in best of five ties featuring singles and doubles.

In a tie-break at 2-2 in games, the final game will be decided on either the first to five points or the first player to achieve a clear three point lead.

There are also a number of other new scoring features aimed at making the NBL more exciting, including a 'PowerPlay' point, shorter breaks between games and in-play substitutions.

The six NBL franchise teams have announced their squads for the season, although they are still able to sign more players before the action starts.

Milton Keynes Badminton will be represented by skipper and doubles specialist Peter Mills, Paul Van Rietvelde, five times national champion Liz Cann, Sam Parsons, Jess Pugh, Sophie Brown, Alex Lane, Sophie Sankey, Ben Lane and Sean Vendy.

All GB and England players were signed at the NBL player auction in June, including Commonwealth Games medal-winners Chris and Gabby Adcock, Chris Langridge and Lauren Smith.

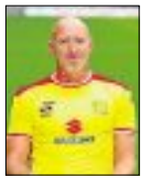
Nathan Robertson, Olympic Silver medallist and Badminton England's ambassador for the NBL, said: "It's excellent news that the new scoring system and squads for the NBL have been confirmed. The new rules will make games faster than ever and more thrilling for viewers, and as a result the matches will be much more finely balanced."

The NBL begins on October 6 with Milton Keynes hosting Surrey Smashers at the centre:mk.

This will be followed by monthly matchnights until April, followed by a one day knock-out competition in June featuring the top four teams from the NBL season.

Birmingham, Derby, Loughborough, and Nottingham are the other sides invovled with each outfit playing each other once, in a mixture of home and away matches.

MK Dons goalkeeping coach PAUL HEALD writes for MK News



FROM my perspective Gillingham didn't really cause us problems on Saturday, I think we caused problems for ourselves when we went 2-0 down.

We never really looked uncomfortable and being the goalkeeping coach, it was disappointing for us to concede two goals.

Along with the back four we look at ourselves as a unit. We always want to win by whatever scoreline to nil so for us it was disappointing and the defenders were disappointed because they knew they probably should have kept a clean sheet on Saturday.

I know that the back five as a unit are strong so I'm very optimistic and the lads showed great character to get the victory.

It's a luxury for us to have three keepers this season with David Martin, Ian McLoughlin and Charlie Burns.

I think in terms of the number one keeper, it's about the old adage of you get better with age. I had Dave as a young keeper before he moved on to Liverpool and when he came back you could see how he had matured. He worked with people like Pepe Reina at Liverpool and the goalkeeping coaches there.

Many people think that coaches create players but you don't – you work with the strengths they've got and adapt and polish them.

David is aware of his style and he is a very mature, rounded goalkeeper, so all aspects of his game are quite solid.

Behind him we're lucky to have two young keepers who are hungry and want to work.

Ian McLoughlin is chomping at the bit – he wants to be number one but he realises that Dave is here and he's got to be patient.

He has to work on his all-round game with Charlie so it's about keeping them fresh.

Sometimes it's difficult when you haven't got a reserve team to keep them match-fit as they have to show what they can do in training. It's about making sure they don't get too frustrated and with three of them, hopefully we can rotate them in some way to keep them game fresh.

I went on a skydive recently to raise money for Willen Hospice and it was fantastic.

You've got to try it at some point but the underlying reason to do it was to raise awareness for how hard they work, and the people there are fantastic.

• Paul was speaking after the 4-2 league win over Gillingham and before last night's Capital One tie against AFC Wimbledon.

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Jumping for joy: Kyle McFadzean celebrates his opener with Danny Green. Pictures: Andy Handley

You beauty: Benik Afobe celebrates his goal

It could be Czech mate for teams as Horava signs for MK

ICE HOCKEY

CZECH defenceman Petr Horava has signed to play for Milton Keynes Lightning next season.

With fixtures now announced and their return to Planet Ice closing in, Horava has been recruited to bolster the side.

The 29-year-old rearguard player was born in Kladno, around 30km north-west of the Czech capital, Prague.

He began his ice hockey career with his hometown team, HC Kladno, and stayed there until he was 20 – a period that saw him selected to represent his country at U18 level at the World Junior Championships. Since then he has gained a wealth of experience in the Czech leagues.

A talent for ice hockey runs in the Horava family as Petr's father Miroslav – also a defenceman – enjoyed a long career; in 1981 he was drafted to the NHL and played in 80 games for the New York Rangers. Petr's older brother, also named Miroslav, has played alongside him at HC Kladno for the last two seasons.

Petr, pictured, said: "I'm really happy to be coming to Milton Keynes. "I think this is going to be a great move for me and I'm looking forward to coming to live in the UK – it's something new for me and will be my first experience in the British game, but I can't wait to get on the ice there."

Commenting on Petr's signing, Head Coach Nick Poole said: "We're really pleased to be able to bring in a player with Petr's background and pedigree.

"When we made the decision to bring in a new defender we felt we needed to bring in a player that could control the game from the back – someone that was a strong skater and would give us the ability to transition quicker into offense, and who will be a calming influence on our younger players, and we think Petr is that player.

"Petr has played more than 250 games in one of the top leagues in Europe and will fit into our team's system really well.

"With the addition of Petr, I really feel we'll have one of the strongest skating D cores in the English Premier League.

"Moving to a new country and new league will be a great challenge for him and I know he is very excited and looking forward to getting together with us at the end of this month."

Meanwhile, the announcement of the fixtures sees Lightning begin the 2014/15 season with an 'overseas' away trip to the Isle of Wight Raiders in the Southern Conference of the English Challenge Cup on September 13.

The club hopes to announce an opening date for the newly refurbished Planet Ice soon, with the first home game currently scheduled for September 27, against Manchester Phoenix.

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AFC brushed aside as Dons march on

DONS

CAPITAL ONE CUP FIRST ROUND

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BY SCOTT KIRK

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IT WAS a game MK Dons simply had to win, and the men from MK1 did just that as they put AFC Wimbledon to bed with a consummate performance in attack and defence to progress to the second round of the Capital One Cup.

The build-up to the game had not attracted as much national media attention or fervour as the previous encounter in the FA Cup second round in December 2012, but both sets of fans certainly sounded up for it and the noise was electric around stadiummk as the players entered the field.

Dons enjoyed the early pressure, but the start of the game was surprisingly low-key, and it looked like both teams were more concerned with not conceding an early goal rather than scoring one.

On the quarter-hour, AFC went dangerously close. Adebayo Akinfenwa crossed the ball in, Sean Rigg fluffed his lines with only David Martin to beat, and then Matt Tubbs couldn't get enough purchase on his shot to trouble the Dons keeper.

And how AFC were made to rue that miss in the 18th minute.

Danny Green added yet another assist to his tally from a corner, and at the near post, Kyle McFadzean produced the cheekiest flicked finish you could imagine, right in front of the visiting supporters.

It evoked memories of Jon Otsemobor's 'Heel of God' goal which gave Dons the win in 2012, and how AFC fans must have hated that it was yet another nonchalant flick from yet another Dons defender that found the net.

Green's corners were giving AFC all manner of bother, with another one scrambled clear a few minutes after the goal.

Instrucions: Boss Karl Robinson

Dele Alli gave AFC fans a glimpse of his skill when he passed three players, which had two opponents tumbling over themselves, before he was fouled giving the ball to Ben Reeves. The referee played a good advantage, and Reeves shot wide from the edge of the box.

On 35 minutes came a decent chance for AFC. Barry Fuller whipped in a cross from deep, and Akinfenwa could only clip the ball with his header in the six-yard box when he should have done a lot better.

Antony Kay was inches away from connecting with a header from another Green corner, while Akinfenwa headed a looping ball at the top corner which Martin saved just before half time.

Dons needed a second goal to make things more comfortable for themselves, and Daniel Powell provided it with a stunning second in the 48th minute. He drove towards the box, and rifled a right-footed shot into the corner of the net that left James Shea static as Dons went 2-0 up. The atmosphere went up a notch after that goal, with Green booked after a case of handbags in the 57th minute.

Reeves had the next chance when Powell once again muscled his way into the box from the right hand side. The AFC defender played the ball back to Reeves, who had his shot blocked in a point-blank save.

If the challenges had lacked a bit of spice in the first half, they certainly didn't in the second, with Benik Afobe going in ludicrously late on a challenge with Callum Kennedy in the 65th minute to earn a booking, and Alli seemingly being fouled at will by AFC.

It led to Alli being substituted for Mark Randall in the 68th minute to protect him for league duties against Peterborough United on Saturday.

Dean Lewington came back to make an important challenge on Tubbs in the 69th minute, and a few quickfire corners showed that AFC were doing what they could to mount a comeback.

It was a period of backs against the wall for Dons, but Afobe then proceeded to put the game to bed in the 75th minute.

He took advantage of an AFC mistake at the back, shrugged off visiting skipper Alan Bennett, and tucked the ball beyond Shea with a classy finish to send stadiummk into raptures and make it 3-0.

A goal for home-grown George Baldock would have been the icing on the cake, but he had his shot headed off the line with two minutes to go.

Lee Hodson cleared an Akinfenwa header off the line to keep the score at 3-0 in injury time, but AFC fans had something to cheer about at the end of the game when they won a penalty after Tubbs was brought down by McFadzean.

It was a great finish from the penalty spot by Tubbs, which led to some of the visiting fans running onto the pitch, and that proved to be the last kick of the game as Dons booked their Capital One Cup second round spot in a clash that was always going to be about more than just a cup match.

SPORTSSHORTS

LONG JUMP

GREG Rutherford bids to back up his Commonwealth Games gold medal this weekend when he takes to the sand at the European Athletics Championships in Zurich.

Milton Keynes' Olympic champion will be in qualifying action on Friday, and the final will take place on the last day of the Championships on Sunday.

ATHLETICS

THE final Veterans League match at St Ives once again saw the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club dominate as they beat Cambridge & Coleridge by 26 points to take the title by 96 points.

Just down the M1 at Hendon at the South of England Inter-County match, Buckinghamshire's F15 team finished 12th with MK's Emma Mears ninth in the 1500m.

There were more medals for the club in Birmingham at the British Masters Championships with golds coming in the hammer and weight for M75 Jack Kee, throwing 40.04m and 14.26m respectively.

Kevin Bradley (M70) did exactly the same with 40.34m in the hammer and 17.23m in the weight.

In the discus M60 Bunt Scott claimed gold with 38.47m while in the M55 5000m Mick Kelly won the bronze in 20m 25.83s.

There were more personal best times at the Oxford City Open Meeting with the 100m producing two for Kreston Edghill (M17) 13.77s and Harrison Reed (M13) 13.97s.

Another came in the 300m for Will Clarke (M17) while in the 800m there were new best times for Tom Ewing, James Dowsett and Leo Freeland.

TENNIS

TENNIS camps are being held throughout the summer at Stantonbury Campus, Milton Keynes.

The camps have been seen 30 children attend the first sessions, and there are spaces available on the remaining three weeks of the camps, which last until the end of August.

To book a place on the camp phone Lauren on 07986 931792 or email lrosetennis@gmail.com.

DRAGON BOAT RACING

SECKLOW Dragons won the Worcester Dragon Boat Plate at the weekend.

They produced their best time of the day in the time trials with 54 seconds in the 200m, but lost their first round tie against Crusaders.

That placed them into the plate competition, and after seeing off Worcester Source in the quarter-final and achieving a semi-final win, they then defeated Pershore Phoenix to win the plate.

Captain Dan Shoesmith said: "I couldn't have asked for more effort from everyone."

The team next travel to Crosby, and currently lie sixth in the Premier League.

CRICKET

New City beat North Crawley in surprise win

Northants Premier League

STONY Stratford were bowled out for just 90 by Wollaston as they were comfortably beaten to remain second from bottom in the league table with six games of the season left.

Wollaston notched up 183-9 in the first innings, with Aaron Ashton in particularly good form with the ball for Stony.

He took 3-19, which included top order batsmen Steve Musgrave, Jimmy Hart and Patrick Bright, while Vicram Sohal and Graham Simpson also chipped in with a couple of wickets apiece.

But Woolaston rallied thanks to a score of 47 by David Shelford, and each of the bottom four batsmen contributed double figure scores.

In reply, Sohal's 30 was the highest score Stony could muster as they collapsed to 90 all out, with Musgrave collecting a five-wicket haul.

Cherwell Cricket League

WOLVERTON Town fell a further seven points behind league leaders Buckingham Town after they could only manage a draw against Banbury Seconds in Division One.

Atif Akhlaq scored 57 as Wolverton posted 179, but Banbury were stubborn in their resistance, and finished on 128-9.

It means Wolverton are 46 points behind the pacesetters with four games remaining.

Great Brickhill drew with second from bottom Tiddington despite recording 263-7 in the first innings. In reply, their opponents scored 202-9.

In Division Three, Bletchley Town lost by seven wickets to Shipton-under-Wychwood Seconds. A score of 30 by Phil Rusling was the highest Bletchley could manage as they were bowled out for 151.

In reply, Shipton-under-Wychwood knocked off 155-3 in 31.2 overs.

Four Counties League

NORTH Crawley succumbed to a rare defeat as New City beat them to move within 15 points of them in third place.

The first innings saw North Crawley's Alex Walker score 113, but only opener Glenn Young reached double figures with him, and that lack of support meant the league leaders finished on 165-9. In reply, with 43.3 overs gone, New City pipped them to victory by just one wicket, with Amit Mulay's 42 not out helping to secure the win.

Milton Keynes City kept alive their slimmer hopes of the title with a three-wicket success over Eaton Bray, while Milton Keynes CC also won – beating Biddenham by 111 runs.

Olney Town aren't safe from relegation yet, having lost by 123 runs to Thurleigh.

In Division Two, Aspley Guise beat North Crawley Seconds to improve their promotion chances.

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The Heel of God 2

• McFadzean takes a leaf out of Otsemobor's book as Dons send AFC packing again

DONS knocked fierce rivals AFC Wimbledon out of a cup competition again last night as Kyle McFadzean repeated Jon Otsemobor's back-heel heroics.

Full-back Otsemobor wrote himself into stadiummk folklore when his last gasp back-heeled finish ensured a 2-1 FA Cup victory over AFC in December 2012 – a strike which earned him the nickname the 'Heel of God'.

The two sides met for a second time yesterday in the first round of the Capital One Cup and there was a huge sense of déjà vu as new signing McFadzean set the ball rolling in the 3-1 victory with a cheeky back-heeled goal of his own, *pictured*.

Fans quickly dubbed the goal the 'Heel of God 2' before Daniel Powell and Benik Afobe also netted to seal the win and book a place in the second round.

It means Dons have now won both games against the club formed after the original Wimbledon's re-location to Milton Keynes.

Dons boss Karl Robinson said: "That was a better AFC Wimbledon side than the one that came here two years ago."

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